(*d*) It is understood that a majority of the inhabitants are affected with enlargement of the spleen.

(*e*) It is understood that there are some people who did not suffer from malaria.

Enquiry into petitions by police constables.

217. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a rule that constables should not be deputed to enquire into petitions received in the Police Station ; and

(*b*) whether there are Inspectors who act contrary to this ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, may I answer that question in the absence of the Police Commissioner ?

President: Yes.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) None, ordinarily.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With regard to the answer to part (*b*) it is stated "none, ordinarily." May I know whether in extraordinary cases Police Constables are allowed to enquire into petitions ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Under exceptional circumstances it may have to be done.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know the exceptional circumstances ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I may point out that the answers to these questions are supplied by the Traffic Superintendent of Police and there is no meaning in the Chief Secretary's claiming notice. The Superintendent of Police ought to have been here to answer the supplementary questions since the answers are supplied by him.

President: The Superintendent of Police is absent on account of his ill-health over which he has no control and he has been permitted to be absent.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Then the Chief Secretary should have taken instructions from him.

President: Even in other questions also, Government members do say "I want notice." So it is not a surprise in this one case.

Expenses in connection with the circuits of departmental heads.

218. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the expenses of the subordinates of departmental heads, on circuit of inspection, are met by the officers of the respective places and whether the former receive presents from the latter ;

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